

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application of: Hassan MOHAMMAD  
Serial No.: To Be Assigned  
International  
Appl. No.: PCT/GB03/02622  
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For: **GASTRORETENTIVE DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEM  
COMPRISING AN EXTRUDED HYDRATABLE  
POLYMER**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Preliminary to examination, Applicants request that the following amendments be made in the above-identified application:

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.